

**I. MEETING TITLE:** Vaccine Advisory Committee (VAC) Quarterly Meeting

**DATE:** April 14, 2005

**Attendees:**

Janna Bardi	DOH (Department of Health) Immunization Program Manager
David Bibus	Public Health Seattle & King County (PHSKC)
Maureen Brown	Washington Chapter, American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP)
Carolyn Coyne	Medical Assistance Administration (MAA)
Pat deHart	DOH Maternal and Child Health
Jay Fathi	Washington Chapter, AAFP
Marcia Goldoft	DOH Communicable Disease Epidemiology
Maxine Hayes	Washington State (DOH) State Health Officer
Patty Hayes	DOH Assistant Secretary, Community and Family Health (CFH)
Jan Hicks-Thomson	DOH Immunization Program
Neil Kaneshiro	Washington Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)
Donna Larsen	Snohomish Health District
Ed Marcuse	Seattle Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center
Ruth McDougall	DOH Immunization Program
Zachary Miller	Group Health Cooperative
Carlos Quintanilla	DOH Immunization Program
Ed Steinweg	Olympia Pediatrics
Greg Stern	Whatcom County Health and Human Services Department
Lin Watson	DOH Immunization Program
Donna Zimburean	Washington Chapter Pediatric Nurse Practitioners

**Recorder:**

Claire Norby	DOH Immunization Program
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Agenda Items	Discussion/Recommendations	Decisions Made/Follow-Up Completed
<p><b>Welcome and Introductions, Changes to Agenda</b></p> <p>Maxine Hayes</p>	<p>Dr. Maxine Hayes welcomed meeting attendees and visitors.</p> <p>Visitors included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adrienne Conlin, Sanofi Pasteur</li> <li>• Steven Frawley, Sanofi Pasteur</li> <li>• Rachel Knowlton, Sanofi Pasteur</li> <li>• Marcie Cleaver, Merck Vaccines</li> <li>• Jerry Carter, Merck Vaccines</li> <li>• Garth Meihoff, Merck Vaccines</li> <li>• Scott Burns, Merck Vaccines</li> <li>• James Mateucci, Merck Vaccines</li> <li>• Juli Coburn, Wyeth Vaccines</li> <li>• Paul Nielsen, MedImmune</li> <li>• Jennifer Erwin, MedImmune</li> <li>• Cynthia Shurtleff, Immunization Action Coalition of Washington</li> <li>• Sofia Aragon, DOH</li> <li>• Tara Wolff, State Board of Health</li> <li>• Ala Mofidi, DOH</li> <li>• Cindy Smith, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Conflict of Interest Policy</b></p> <p>Patty Hayes</p>	<p>Assistant Secretary of Health Patty Hayes read the conflict of Interest policy. No conflicts were noted.</p> <p><b>Handouts:</b> WA State VAC Conflict of Interest Policy dated 1/24/02</p>	

<p><b>VAC Task Force</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Defining criteria for evaluating ACIP vaccine for public health benefit</li> </ul> <p>Maxine Hayes</p>	<p>Maxine Hayes recommended formation of a task force dedicated to developing criteria to evaluate the public health benefit of current and future vaccines. Criteria should be consistent and transparent. Dr. Hayes recommended that non-VAC members (possibly a medical ethicist) serve on the task force as well as VAC members. Ed Marcuse, Kim Thorburn, and Zach Miller volunteered to serve on the Task Force. Greg Stern tentatively volunteered and David Bibus agreed to speak to Jeff Duchin about serving on the Task Force.</p> <p>DOH staff will work with Dr. Hayes to finalized Task Force membership.</p> <p><b>Handouts:</b> Decision-Making Flow For Addition of New Vaccines dated 3/21/05</p>	<p><i>The intent of the Taskforce is to provide DOH with a recommendation of criteria to use in evaluating the public health benefit of vaccine. Updates will be provided at the VAC meetings.</i></p>
<p><b>Varicella School and Childcare Entry Requirement</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implementation Options</li> <li>Recommendation from VAC</li> </ul> <p>Maxine Hayes</p>	<p>DOH anticipates a very tight timeline regarding adoption of a childcare/school entry requirement for varicella vaccine. The State Board of Health hearing on adding varicella is scheduled for July 13, 2005. The Department will seek state and federal funds needed to support the additional vaccine that will be needed as varicella vaccine becomes a requirement.</p> <p>Dr. Hayes asked VAC members to review and prioritize the following four options for Washington State's implementation of a varicella vaccine requirement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Childcare and Kindergarten</li> <li>Kindergarten</li> <li>Middle/Junior High School</li> <li>School and childcare – all ages</li> </ul> <p>Following discussion, the Committee made a recommendation (in the column to the right).</p> <p><b>Handouts:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Varicella Vaccine in Washington State: Varicella Implementation Options</li> <li>Varicella Discussion Matrix</li> <li>Varicella Vaccine in Washington State: Implementation Costs Projections</li> </ul>	<p><i>The VAC made the following recommendation for a school/childcare varicella vaccination requirement:</i></p> <p>Recommendation: <i>That all Washington State children ages 19 months through 12 years attending childcare or school be immune to varicella. Proof of immunity can be documented by receipt of one dose of vaccine after age 12 months, serologic test for varicella immunity, or history of varicella disease by parent/guardian report.</i></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Varicella Prevention Mandates</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Meningococcal conjugate Vaccine (MCV4)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review of ACIP Recommendation</li> <li>Disease rates in Washington State</li> <li>Update on Implementation Process</li> </ul> <p>Janna Bardi</p>	<p>Marcia Goldoft and Pat deHart presented on meningococcal disease in Washington State. They noted that though disease rates are low, approximately 10% of meningococcal meningitis cases result in death.</p> <p>Pat deHart said that a college survey conducted a year and a half ago showed that less than 25% of the colleges in Washington State have a meningococcal vaccination requirement.</p> <p>The VAC reviewed the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendation to add meningococcal conjugate vaccine and meningococcal polysaccharide vaccine to the Vaccines for Children Program (VFC).</p> <p>Dr. Hayes read an e-mail from Dr. Kim Thorburn, (Health Officer, Spokane Regional Health District) stating her opposition to MCV4's inclusion in the recommended schedule.</p> <p>Since Washington State provides vaccine at no cost for all children ages birth to 19 years, the process for adding a new vaccine after ACIP recommendation, includes a VAC recommendation. Accordingly, there will always be a delay between an ACIP recommendation to include a new vaccine in the schedule and its addition to the list of Washington State-supplied vaccines.</p> <p>Dr. Hayes requested an estimate of the number of children ages 11-15 years who are VFC eligible.</p> <p><b>Handouts:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meningococcal Disease presentation slides</li> <li>ACIP Vaccines For Children Program, <i>Meningococcus – Vaccines to Present Meningococcal Disease</i></li> <li>Dr. Thorburn's e-mail</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Horizon Vaccines</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IPV/Hib/DTaP combination</li> <li>Adult/Adolescent</li> </ul>		<p><i>In the interest of time, this agenda item was postponed.</i></p>

tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis (TDaP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Human Papillomavirus(HPV)</li> <li>• Rotavirus</li> </ul>	<b>Handouts:</b> Horizon Vaccines dated 4/14/05	
<b>Updates:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Influenza Vaccine Shortage Response</li> <li>• Vaccine Supply/Jan Hicks-Thomson</li> <li>• State Board of Health, WAC Rule Revision Housekeeping Status</li> </ul> Janna Bardi	<p>The State Board of Health approved the proposed revisions to the vaccine requirements for school and childcare entry WAC (246-100-166) with minor amendments at their 4/9/05 meeting. The revision's intent was to improve clarity, note changes in the annual immunization status reporting, and update ACIP recommendations to the 2005 recommended schedule. The final package is nearing completion and changes will be effective 5/14/05.</p> <p>It was noted that meningococcal vaccine will not be available through the federal contract until June 2005.</p> <p><b>Handouts:</b> General Program Updates dated 4/14/05</p>	
<b>Visitors – Open Microphone</b> Maxine Hayes	<p>Steven Frawley (Sanofi Pasteur) said that there was no supply issue regarding MCV4 vaccine. Sanofi Pasteur does not anticipate a high uptake of the new vaccine targeting adolescents.</p> <p>Dr. Steinweg noted that his practice has given about 30 doses of MCV4. He said that MAA has informed providers that they will not reimburse for MCV4 at this time. He noted that only one dose vials were available according to the Sanofi Pasteur web site.</p> <p>Patty Hayes said that Washington State has been selected as a pilot for the CDC Vaccine Management Business Improvement Project. Part of the project will be a switch to third party vaccine distribution. Ultimately, the new vaccine distribution model will be based on vaccine providers ordering directly from the distributors, possibly facilitating individual provider vaccine choice.</p>	
Additional Agenda Items	The next VAC meeting will be July 14, 2005 at the SeaTac Marriott	

